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#### REMARKS

##### Claim Status

Claims 1, 7, 9-14, and 20-56 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 14 and 54 have been amended to elect a single disclosed species of companion animal as requested by the Examiner. Specifically, claims 1, 14, and 54 have been amended to recite that the companion animal is selected from the group consisting of a domestic dog and a cat. The non-elected species have been cancelled without prejudice to filing in a continuing application.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

#### CONCLUSION

This Response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form and to distinguish the invention as claimed from the applied references. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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